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Applicants

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Title

: Mug Handle Cover and Method for Identifying a

Mug with a Mug Handle Cover

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## DELARATION under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

The undersigned inventor James E. Harman, hereby declares:

I have spoken to Mark F. Brennan, the inventor of U.S. Patent No. D459,949 S.

In our conversation, Mr. Brennan stated the following:

- His invention includes a specially built mug that has a non-standard handle.
- The handle only attaches to the mug for which it has been designed.
- The handle and mug are made of three pieces that lock permanently together.

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- The handle is not to be disassembled subsequently.
- The icon (i.e. the mouse) on top of the handle is permanent and secured to the handle. Mugs with different, permanent icons are possible.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

James E. Harman

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